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INFORMATION CIRCULAR

To: Members of the staff

From: The Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management

Subject: HOST COUNTRY TRAVEL REGULATIONS*

1. The Secretary-General has received from the United States Mission to the United Nations a note verbale dated 11 January 1993 informing the United Nations of changes in procedural requirements for travel in the United States by staff members of Afghan nationality. According to the note, staff members from Afghanistan and their dependants "will enjoy unrestricted entry into and travel within the United States". The note further advises that "in practice this means that these individuals will no longer have port-of-entry restrictions and no longer be required to submit notification of travel beyond the 25-mile radius from Columbus Circle in New York City".

2. The Secretary-General, in his reply of 18 January 1993, welcomed this positive decision by the United States. However, in view of the fact that travel restrictions continue to be in force with respect to staff members of certain other nationalities, the Secretary-General reiterated his well-known position of principle concerning the restrictive and discriminatory treatment of United Nations staff solely on the basis of their nationality.

3. Copies of the two notes verbales are set out in annexes I and II to the present circular.

4. The existing arrangements for official travel for United Nations staff members in the United States remain unchanged and will be made in the usual manner.

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Annex I

NOTE VERBALE DATED 11 JANUARY 1993 FROM THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations and wishes to inform the United Nations of changes in procedural requirements for travel in the United States.

Effective immediately all Afghan employees of the United Nations and their dependants will enjoy unrestricted entry into and travel within the United States. In practice this means that these individuals will no longer have port-of-entry restrictions and no longer be required to submit notification of travel beyond the 25-mile radius of Columbus Circle in New York City.

Annex II

NOTE VERBALE DATED 18 JANUARY 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the United States Mission to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the latter's note verbale dated 11 January 1993 informing the United Nations of changes in procedural requirements for travel in the United States by staff members of the United Nations of Afghan nationality.

It is noted that staff members of the United Nations Secretariat of Afghan nationality and their dependants "... will enjoy unrestricted entry into and travel within the United States". According to the note "in practice this means that these individuals will no longer have port-of-entry restrictions and no longer be required to submit notification of travel beyond the 25-mile radius from Columbus Circle in New York City".

The Secretary-General welcomes this positive decision by the United States. However, in view of the fact that travel restrictions continue to be in force with respect to staff members of the Organization of certain other nationalities, the Secretary-General is obliged to reiterate his well-known position of principle concerning the restrictive and discriminatory treatment of United Nations staff solely on the basis of their nationality. The Secretary-General trusts that all remaining travel restrictions will be removed by the host country as soon as possible.

The existing arrangements regarding official travel for United Nations staff in the United States remain unchanged and will be made in the usual manner.

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